

I am writing in support of SB 176, An Act Concerning Shared Clean Energy Facilities (SCEF), with changes. While I welcome an expansion of the shared solar program which benefits lower- and middle-income residents, the current proposed increase of the cap on SCEF from 25 MW to 35 MW is far too small in proportion to the climate crisis we face.

I urge you to increase the SCEF cap to 50 MW of new solar per year, and also to increase the cap on commercial solar from 50 MW to 100 MW of new solar per year.

As for the provision in SB176 to allow Eversource to own shared solar facilities, that might be appropriate in some cases. But the rules of such a program need to be clarified and set by PURA with stakeholder involvement.

Sincerely yours,

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